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SUBJECT: DRAFT AGENDA FOR FOURTH SESSION OF JOINT ECONOMIC
COMMISSION: MEETING WITH PRM PATAN

FF: (A) BUCHAREST 6081, (B) STATE 186153

1. DURING COURSE OF AUGUST 18 MEETING, DPM PATAN AND AMBASSADOR
DISCUSSED SENARIO FOR NOVEMBER 2-3 FOURTH SESSION OF JOINT
ECONOMIC COMMISSION. MFT NOW IN PROCESS OF REVIEWING WITH
OTHER MINISTRIES PROBLEMS

AND PROSPECTS OF TRADE AND COOPERATION
WITH THE U.S. AMB. NICOLAE, WHO IS CURRENTLY HERE ON VACATION
AND CONSULTATIONS, AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR FODOR, WHO WILL BE
RETURNING FOR CONSULTATIONS AND VACATITL SHORTLY, WILL ALSO BE
DRAWN INTO THIS REVIEW.

2. TO TAKE

FULL ADVANTAGE OF NICOLAE'S AND FODOR'S PRESENCE, PATAN
ASKED IF WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A U.S. DRAFT AGENDA FOR
FOURTH SESSION EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 15 AS WAS PREVIOUSLY AGREED
BY DAS REICH AND DEPUTY MINIULER MARGARITESCU. (AT END OF
MEETING ROTA - PATAN'S SPECIAL ASSISTANCE - MADE PLEA FOR US
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TO GIVE MFT US DRAFT AGENDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.) PATAN AND
AMBASSADOR AGREED THAT ON SEPTEMBER 12 OR 13, MFT OFFICIALS
PLUS NICOLAE AND FODOR AND EMBOFFS WOULD HAVE WORKING LUNCH
MEETING TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR THE FOURTH SESSION AND TO
REVIEW THE AGENDA.

3. PATAN ALSO MENTIONED THAT AS WAS CASE IN 1975 HE WOULD BE

GOING TO US JUST PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE FOURTH SESSION
FOR A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH U.S. COMPANIES, HE PROMISED TO
PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH SUGGESTED ITINERARY IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. COMMENT: AUGUST 18 MEETING WAS ONE OF FEW SUCH MEETINGS
WITH PATAN SCHEDULED (WITH ONLY THREE HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE)
AT PATAN'S REQUEST. DURING MEETING, PATAN MADE NUMEROUS
REFZHENCES TO DISCUSSIONS HE HAD AT THE BLACK SEA WITH PRESIDENT
CEAUSESCU REGARDING U.S.-ROMANIAN TRADE AND COOPERATION ACTIVITIES.
FROM SOME OF PATAN'S COMMENTS AND HIS TONE DURING OUR MEETING,
IT APPEARS THAT GOR CONDUCTED IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS
WITH THE U.S. ALSO PATAN MENTIONED THAT POLEXCO REVIEWED RESULTS
OF JULY JOINT ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING. IT ALSO APPEARS THAT
PATAN'S POLICIES VIS-A-VIS THE U.S. WERE FAVORABLY REVIEWED
AND THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN AN INCREASED MANDATE FOR EXPANDING
TRADE AND COOPERATION WITH THE U.S.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE US SOONEST AS TO WHEN DRAFT
U.S. AGENDA FOR FOURTH SESSION WILL BE READY FOR PRESENTATION
TO GOR. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE IT BY
SEPTEMBER 1.

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